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Applicant : Uwe Hoffmann
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Title : CAP-ASPIRATING SYSTEM
Docket No. : SCH-12597
Customer No. : 40854

AMENDMENT "B"

(In response to Paper No. 03172004)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated March 24, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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